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Case No. 9793/95

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Oliver Elsenhans, et al.

Serial No: 10/018,080

Examiner: Sang H. Nguyen

Filed: December 10, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2877

For: Method And Apparatus For  
Examining Fluids Of Biological  
Origin

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003 for a period of 2 months.



Applicant:



claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00

**Fee Payment**

Attached is a check for \$420.00 for the Petition fee.

Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.

Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 17, 2003

  
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